

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 1, 2020, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Christopher Martin, and Laurie Colgan; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors

At 5:40 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

Changes or additions to the agenda: elevator maintenance, errors & omissions, covered bridge planting

Public Comment: none

Review and Approval of Minutes: November 13 and 17 approved with minor corrections

COVID Update: Chris is going to attend a Plainfield Selectboard meeting. Bobbi reported that the people who usually clean the building have COVID symptoms and are not being tested, so she and the Librarian have decided not to have them work in the building for at least two weeks. The Board agreed. The building will remain closed for at least two more weeks until the next Selectboard meeting.

Personnel Policy: The Board reviewed draft language to update the personnel policy regarding sick leave due to COVID. Employees will be paid for up to 80 hours of sick leave if they are required to quarantine, except in the cases of quarantine due to travel. Rich moved to add the language to our policy. Laurie seconded – all in favor.

Library Entrance: Chris reported that Will Schwarz is booked up so he doesn't have time to look at the job. Dan Tetreault doesn't feel that he has the expertise to make the renovations. Chris thinks that we could put roof clips on the standing-seam roof to see if that helps to keep the snow from piling up. Chris will contact other contractors to see if anyone is available in the near future. Laurie feels that we should not be using the door as an entrance because the library should remain closed for as long as the building is closed. Rich will ask a roofing contractor about snow guards.

Ordinance Violations: Rich reported that there is a pile of furniture, etc. at 393 Bean Road. It is not clear whether the owner intends to burn the pile or haul it away. The Board asked Bobbi to send them a letter with a copy of the ordinance, and also a letter will be sent to Ben Shadis on Bailey Pond Road regarding the material on his property.

Zoning Administrator: The Town has not received any applications yet.

Sidewalk Snow Removal: The Board received a bid from Luke Mulligan for \$130 per clearing, up to 4 times per storm. The Board asked Bobbi to propose the same terms as last year, with the new dollar amount per clearing.

Maintenance Contracts: The Board authorized Bobbi to sign maintenance contracts for elevator

maintenance and generator maintenance.

Errors & Omissions: The Board approved a change to the grand list for the Henry Harris property, and authorized Bobbi to sign on their behalf.

Covered Bridge: The Bridge property was brush hogged over the summer, possibly in an area where the Friends of the Winooski have previously planted. The Conservation Commission and/or the Friends of the Winooski will be in contact with Rich Phillips regarding the mowing. The Board approved a new agreement with the Friends for additional plantings, contingent upon approval by the Conservation Commission, and authorized Bobbi to sign it.

Town Meeting: The Board discussed ideas for how to conduct Town Meeting.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll, and authorized Rich to sign them.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the December 1, 2020 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
